

## **ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL**

### **23 MARCH 2023**

## **FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT/UPDATE ON FLOODING 2022**

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### **Summary**

1. The Panel will receive the Annual Report on Flood Risk Management in Worcestershire.
2. The Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Environment, the Council's Flood Risk Manager, representatives from the Council's Highways Department, Severn Trent, the Environment Agency, North Worcestershire Water Management and the South Worcestershire Land Drainage Partnership have been invited to attend the meeting.

### **Background**

3. The Flood and Water Management Act 2010 (FWMA) created a new lead role for the County Council in managing flood risk, as reported to Cabinet on 1 July 2010.
4. In 2007, Worcestershire suffered extensive flooding. Subsequently a joint scrutiny on flooding in Worcestershire (with the district councils) took place in 2008, which supported the findings of Pitt's national review of the lessons learned from the 2007 floods. These included a recommendation that overview and scrutiny committees should annually review arrangements for managing flood risk.
5. An Annual Report has been produced which summarises the flood risk management activities and progress during 2022 of the County Council (as Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA)), and the other Risk Management Authorities. The Annual Report is attached as Appendix 1.
6. The County Council's website also includes information about flood risk management [Worcestershire County Council Flood Risk Management Information](#)
7. The discussion of flooding risk management last took place at the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 9 November 2021 which also looked at the role of external partners, including Severn Trent Water Ltd and the Environment Agency. A link to this meeting is included at the end of the report.

### **Purpose of the meeting**

8. The Panel is asked to:
  - consider and comment on the Annual Report,
  - consider the information provided by external partners,
  - determine any comments or recommendations to the Cabinet Member with Responsibility.

## Supporting Information

### Appendix 1 – Flood Risk Management in Worcestershire 2022 Annual Report

- Annex A - Flood Alleviation Schemes – completed and planned
- Annex B – February 2022 Flood Event – impacted communities
- Annex C - Emergency Planning and Response
- Annex D - Risk Management Authority Roles
- Annex E - Role of Lead Local Flood Authority
- Annex F - Main Flood Risk Management Governance Groups
- Annex G - Flood Risk Management Abbreviations

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## Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Assistant Director for Legal and Governance) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

Agenda and Minutes of Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 9 November 2021, 11 September 2020, 18 January 2019, 12 January 2018, 23 November 2016 and 25 November 2015.

Minutes and Agendas are available on the Council's website a through this link:  
[Economy and Environment O&S Panel agendas and minutes](#)